

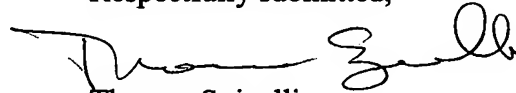
## **REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

By means of the present Preliminary Amendment, the claims have been amended to correct improper multi-dependencies. Furthermore, new claims 16-40 have been added to further define the patentable invention. New claims 16-40 are fully supported in the disclosure.

In view of the above, early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Spinelli', is written over the typed name.

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